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Hi Paige, Mandy and Alex.

Just got this language from house appropriations for our technical assistance.

Thanks

Ed

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**Date:** February 28, 2018 at 10:48:13 AM EST  
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**Subject:** Methane

Ed-

I just wanted to circle back with you on methane and potential report language options. I know when we spoke a few weeks back, Mandy/others mentioned the Agency might be pursuing some options to provide relief for the oil and gas industry under the 2016 rule, and that our GP (Sec. 462) would likely complicate the situation more. Would something like this be a problem? We welcome any additional information that you might be able to provide.

*Methane.* —In response to Executive Order #13783 on March 28, 2017, the Committees note that the Agency is still actively pursuing measures to provide additional relief to the oil and gas industry under the final rule entitled "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources" published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register on June 3, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 35824). As EPA works to review and update the rule, the Committees expect the Agency to keep the Committees apprised on the matter.

Thanks!

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